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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 3

MONDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2002

The House meets this day at 12.30 p.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS
Orders of the day

- 1 **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Fitzgibbon*) on the proposed Address in Reply.
- 2 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Question—That grievances be noted (*under standing order 106*).
- 3 **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (ANTI-HOAX AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Mr McClelland*).
- *4 **STATES GRANTS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Griffin*).
- 5 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (FAIR DISMISSAL) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Mr McClelland*).
- 6 **AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Mr McClelland*).
- *7 **AIRPORTS AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Griffin*).
- *8 **MINISTERS OF STATE AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Griffin*).
- *9 **COMMONWEALTH INSCRIBED STOCK AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- *10 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (FILM INCENTIVES) BILL 2002** (*Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- 11 **CHRISTMAS 2001 BUSHFIRES** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Mr Abbott*) on the motion of Mr Howard—That this House:
 - (1) extends its sympathies to those Australians who suffered personal losses during the Christmas 2001 bushfires that raged across New South Wales;
 - (2) acknowledges the tireless commitment of the thousands of individuals from rural and metropolitan fire brigades, emergency and rescue services, ambulance services, the defence force, police, welfare groups, government agencies, councils and businesses from across the country who were involved in fighting these fires;
 - (3) expresses its enduring gratitude and admiration to these Australians, many of whom were volunteers, for their efforts and sacrifices and in particular acknowledges the bravery of those who risked their lives in fighting the fires; and
 - (4) recognises that the way that the community heroically pulled together in a time of crisis truly demonstrates the strength of the Australian spirit.

* Notifications to which an asterisk (*) is prefixed appear for the first time

† Debate to be adjourned to a future day at the conclusion of the time allotted.

- 12 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FURTHER SIMPLIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS) BILL 2002** (*Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Mr McClelland*).
- *13 **RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS (TRANSMITTER LICENCE TAX) AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- *14 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MIGRATION AGENTS) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- *15 **MIGRATION AGENTS REGISTRATION APPLICATION CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- *16 **THERAPEUTIC GOODS AMENDMENT (MEDICAL DEVICES) BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- *17 **THERAPEUTIC GOODS (CHARGES) AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- *18 **MARRIAGE AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- *19 **SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT (PREGNANCY AND WORK) BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- *20 **DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- *21 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 2001-2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- *22 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 2001-2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- *23 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 2001-2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- *24 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL (NO. 1) 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Griffin*).
- *25 **INCOME TAX (SUPERANNUATION PAYMENTS WITHHOLDING TAX) BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Griffin*).
- *26 **HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Griffin*).
- *27 **STUDENT ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Griffin*).
- *28 **ROAD TRANSPORT CHARGES (AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Griffin*).
- *29 **INTERSTATE ROAD TRANSPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Griffin*).
- *30 **PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *31 **ISSUES FROM THE ADVANCE TO THE FINANCE MINISTER AS A FINAL CHARGE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

- 32 **AGED CARE STANDARDS AND ACCREDITATION AGENCY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 33 **OPERATION OF THE AGED CARE ACT 1997—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 34 **COMMISSIONER FOR COMPLAINTS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 35 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 36 **AUSTRALIAN TRADE COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 37 **AUSTRALIAN TOURIST COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 38 **AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF HEALTH AND WELFARE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 39 **HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION—EQUITY AND DIVERSITY REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 40 **HEALTH SERVICES AUSTRALIA—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 41 **HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION —REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 42 **REPATRIATION MEDICAL AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 43 **AUSTRALIAN HEARING SERVICES—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 44 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGED CARE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 45 **MEDIBANK PRIVATE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 46 **MEDIBANK PRIVATE—STATEMENT OF CORPORATE INTENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 47 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE OMBUDSMAN—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 48 **OPERATIONS OF THE REGISTERED HEALTH BENEFITS ORGANISATIONS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 49 **OPERATIONS OF THE REGISTERED HEALTH BENEFITS ORGANISATIONS—ERRATA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

- 50 **MEDICAL TRAINING REVIEW PANEL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 51 **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS BROADCASTING AMENDMENT BILL 2002:** Second reading (*from 12 February 2002*).

Contingent notices of motion

- Contingent on any bill being brought in and read a first time:* Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the second reading being made an order of the day for a later hour.
- Contingent on any report relating to a bill being received from the Main Committee:* Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.
- Contingent on any bill being agreed to at the conclusion of the consideration in detail stage:* Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion for the third reading being moved without delay.
- Contingent on any message being received from the Senate transmitting any bill for concurrence:* Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **MR PRICE:** To move—
- (1) That a Standing Committee on Appropriations and Staffing be appointed to inquire into:
 - (a) proposals for the annual estimates and the additional estimates for the House of Representatives;
 - (b) proposals to vary the staff structure of the House of Representatives, and staffing and recruitment policies; and
 - (c) such other matters as are referred to it by the House;
 - (2) That the committee shall:
 - (a) in relation to estimates—
 - (i) determine the amounts for inclusion in the parliamentary appropriation bills for the annual and the additional appropriations; and
 - (ii) report to the House upon its determinations prior to the consideration by the House of the relevant parliamentary appropriation bill; and
 - (b) in relation to staffing—
 - (i) make recommendations to the Speaker; and
 - (ii) report to the House on its determinations prior to the consideration by the House of the relevant parliamentary appropriation bill;
 - (3) That the committee consist of the Speaker and 11 other members, 6 members to be nominated by the Chief Government Whip or Whips and 5 members to be nominated by the Chief Opposition Whip or Whips or any independent Member;
 - (4) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair;
 - (5) That the committee elect a deputy chairman who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chairman at that meeting;
 - (6) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine;
 - (7) That the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting;

- (8) That the quorum of a subcommittee be a majority of the members of that subcommittee;
 - (9) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the public proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum;
 - (10) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records;
 - (11) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place;
 - (12) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any sittings or adjournment of the House;
 - (13) That the committee have leave to report from time to time; and
 - (14) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders. (*Notice given 12 February 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 11 March 2002.*)
- 2 **MR PRICE:** To move—
- (1) That standing order 28B be amended by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph (b):
 - (ba) annual and additional estimates contained in the appropriation bills presented to the House shall stand referred for consideration by Members of the relevant committee (as determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) for the consideration of annual reports), and, for the purposes of this consideration:
 - (i) six Members of each committee, determined by the committee in each case, shall consider the estimates;
 - (ii) the Members of the committee selected to consider the estimates shall meet with Members of the relevant Senate legislation committee so that the Members and Senators may meet together for the purposes of considering the estimates;
 - (iii) members of the relevant House and Senate committees, when meeting together to consider estimates, shall choose a Member or a Senator to chair the joint meetings;
 - (iv) the provisions of Senate standing order 26 shall, to the extent that they are applicable, apply to the consideration of estimates under this paragraph, and
 - (v) that, upon the completion of joint meetings at which evidence is received or written answers or additional information considered, it shall then be a matter for the Members of the relevant committee to consider the terms of any report to the House on the estimates.
 - (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly. (*Notice given 12 February 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 11 March 2002.*)
- 3 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the standing orders be amended by amending standing order 94 to read as follows:
- Closure of Member**
- 94** A motion may be made that a Member who is speaking, except a Member giving a notice of motion or formally moving the terms of a motion allowed under the standing orders or speaking to a motion of dissent (from any ruling of the Speaker under standing order 100), “be not further heard”, and such question shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate. (*Notice given 12 February 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 11 March 2002.*)
- 4 **MR PRICE:** To move—That standing order 129 be omitted and the following standing order substituted:
- Presentation of petitions**
- 129** At the time provided for the presentation of petitions, the following arrangements shall apply to the presentation of petitions certified to be in conformity with the standing orders:
- (a) in respect of each petition, the petitioner, or one of the petitioners, may present the petition to the House by standing at the Bar of the House and reading to the House the prayer of the petition, and
 - (b) where a petitioner is not able to present the petition in accordance with paragraph (a) of this standing order, the Member who has lodged the petition may present it to the House by reading to the House the prayer of the petition. (*Notice given 12 February 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 11 March 2002.*)

- 5 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the standing orders be amended by inserting the following standing order after standing order 143:

Questions to committee chairs

143A Questions may be put to a Member in his or her capacity as Chair of a committee of the House, or of a joint committee, in connection with the work or duties of the committee in question. (*Notice given 12 February 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 11 March 2002.*)

- 6 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the standing orders be amended by inserting the following standing order after standing order 145:

Questions without notice—Time limits

145A During question time:

- (a) the asking of each question may not exceed 1 minute and the answering of each question may not exceed 4 minutes;
 - (b) the asking of each supplementary question may not exceed 1 minute and the answering of each supplementary question may not exceed 1 minute; and
 - (c) the time taken to make and determine points of order is not to be regarded as part of the time for questions and answers. (*Notice given 12 February 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 11 March 2002.*)
- 7 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the following amendment to the standing orders be adopted for the remainder of this session:

Questions from citizens

148A (a) A Member may give notice of a question in terms proposed by a person who lives in the Member's electoral division.

- (b) Notice of a question given under this standing order may show the name of the person who has proposed the question.
 - (c) A Member may not give more than 25 notices of questions under this sessional order in a calendar year.
 - (d) Nothing in this standing order may be taken to mean that a Member must give notice of a question proposed to the Member by a person who lives in the Member's electoral division. (*Notice given 12 February 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 11 March 2002.*)
- 8 **MRS CROSIO:** To present a bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of a scheme to guarantee the payment of wages and other accrued liabilities owed to employees in the event of employer insolvency, and for related purposes. (*Notice given 12 February 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 11 March 2002.*)

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS (standing orders 101, 102A and 102C): Presentation and consideration of committee and delegation reports has precedence each Monday.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS (standing orders 101 and 104) has precedence from the conclusion of consideration of committee and delegation reports, being interrupted at 1.45 p.m. and then continuing for 1 hour after the presentation of petitions each Monday.

The **SELECTION COMMITTEE** is responsible for determining the order of precedence and allotting time for debate on consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business. Any private Members' business not called on, or consideration of private Members' business or committee and delegation reports which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 104B).

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

On the first sitting day of each fortnight, a complete Notice Paper is published containing all unanswered questions. On subsequent days, only new questions for the sitting are included in the Notice Paper. The full text of all unanswered questions is available at:

www.aph.gov.au/house/info/notpaper/qons.pdf.

Questions unanswered

Nos 1-141.

18 February 2002

- *142 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Has the Governor-General issued instructions to his Department and the media that the Governor-General is to be known by the title Dr Hollingworth; if so, what is the basis of this title.
- *143 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Has the Government now finalised the planning study it commenced in 1997-98 on the need for additional ramps on the F5 Freeway between Casula and Campbelltown; if so, (a) what are the study's findings and recommendations and (b) what progress has been made in implementing the study.
- *144 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What sum has the Government spent on the First Home Owners Scheme.
 - (2) What proportion of these grants has been received by households earning (a) less than \$20,000 p.a., (b) more than \$50,000 p.a. and (c) more than \$100,000 p.a.
 - (3) For the most recent financial year in which statistics are available, what sum did the Government outlay on tax expenditures for (a) self-funded retirees, (b) superannuation concessions, (c) capital gains tax exemptions for economic purposes and (d) capital gains tax exemptions for individuals.
 - (4) In each case referred to in part (3), what proportion of the outlays was received by households earning (a) less than \$20,000 p.a., (b) more than \$50,000 p.a. and (c) more than \$100,000 p.a.
- *145 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) Did Australia accept the provisions of Part II of the International Labour Convention No. 173 on Protection of Workers' Claims (Employers' Insolvency) Convention 1992 on 8 June 1994.
 - (2) On what dates, in what circumstances and with what results have there been subsequent communications between the Commonwealth Government and the governments of each State and Territory concerning the Convention.
- *146 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Further to the former Minister's answer to question No. 2586 (*Hansard*, 6 August 2001, page 29234) concerning the Peter Tomson case, (a) was the magistrate's decision that a prima facie case had been established based on averments sworn by the Australian Customs Service (ACS) to initiate the proceedings and (b) were these averments subsequently shown to be false.
 - (2) How many officers that provided evidence before the Midford inquiry were also involved with the Tomson case and what positions did they hold within the ACS.
 - (3) What are the terms of reference for the review of the Tomson case by Counsel.
 - (4) What guarantee can the Minister give of the independence of a review commissioned by Customs itself.
 - (5) Can the Minister guarantee that all relevant ACS information will be placed before Counsel.
 - (6) Will Mr Tomson be interviewed by Counsel.
 - (7) When does the Minister expect Counsel's review to be completed.
- *147 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—Further to the answer to question No. 209 (*Hansard*, 11 May 1999, page 4165 and 23 June 1999, page 5736), what proportion of (a) total health expenditure in Australia was funded by health insurance funds in each year

since 1996-97 and (b) recurrent health expenditure was funded by health insurance funds for (i) public acute care hospitals, (ii) private hospitals, (iii) medical services, (iv) dental services, (v) other professional services and (v) all other services in each year since 1996-97.

- *148 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—
- (1) What progress has been made on the project to develop an Australian Standard for European STORZ-type hose couplings since the answer to question No. 2576 (*Hansard*, 28 June 2001, page 29091).
 - (2) During the NSW bushfires in December 2001 and January 2002 which of the fire-fighting teams from NSW and other States were equipped with STORZ-type hose couplings.
- *149 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Prime Minister—Did any staff from his office or his Department visit Christmas Island between 25 August and 10 November 2001; if so, for each visit (a) who visited, (b) on which days did the visits take place, (c) what was the official business conducted on those visits, (d) who instructed those persons to undertake the visits and (e) to whom did they report.
- *150 **MR BRERETON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) How many disclosures of information or documents by carriers, carriage service providers or number database operators were made under the provisions of Part 13 of the *Telecommunications Act 1997* and reported to the Australian Communications Authority for 2000-2001.
 - (2) What were the numbers of disclosures in 2000-2001 in respect of each relevant section and subsection of Part 13 of the *Telecommunications Act 1997*.
- *151 **MR BRERETON:** To ask the Attorney-General—On how many occasions in (a) 1997-1998, (b) 1998-1999, (c) 1999-2000 and (d) 2000-2001 did the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation seek and obtain disclosures of information or documents from carriers, carriage service providers or number database operators under the provisions of section 283 of the *Telecommunications Act 1997*.
- *152 **MR BRERETON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—On how many occasions in 2001 did Australian Federal Police officers certify under section 282 of the *Telecommunications Act 1997* that the disclosure of information on documents by carriers, carriage service providers or number database operators was reasonably necessary for the enforcement of the criminal law.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for life of 40th Parliament

Joint Statutory

CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES: *(Members to be appointed).*

NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY: *(Members to be appointed).*

NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND: *(Members to be appointed).*

Joint Standing

ELECTORAL MATTERS *(Formed 14 February 2002): (Members to be appointed).*

FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE *(Formed 14 February 2002): (Members to be appointed).*

MIGRATION *(Formed 14 February 2002): (Members to be appointed).*

NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES *(Formed 14 February 2002): (Members to be appointed).*

TREATIES *(Formed 14 February 2002): (Members to be appointed).*

APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY BODIES

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES: *(Member to be appointed).*

COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA: Mr M. J. Ferguson *(elected 12 August 1999, for a period of 3 years).*

PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES TRUST: Mr Charles *(appointed 24 June 1996)* and Mr McLeay *(appointed 23 November 1998).*